

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 893

By Hensley

A RESOLUTION to propose an amendment to Article XI, Section 5 of the Constitution of Tennessee, to allow for bingo events to benefit certain organizations.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that a majority of all the members of each house concurring, as shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals, that it is proposed that Article XI, Section 5 of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee be amended by adding the following language at the end of the section:

This section does not prohibit bingo games, as defined below, when conducted by a congressionally chartered nonprofit veterans organization that is tax-exempt as a 501(c)(19) organization, as defined by the 2000 United States Tax Code, located in this state, to meet charitable, not-for-profit, or community service purposes. Bingo games authorized in this section shall be implemented and administered uniformly throughout the state in such manner as the legislature, by general law, deems appropriate.

"Bingo" means a specific game of chance in which participants use an electronic or manual playing surface divided into horizontal and vertical spaces, each of which is designated by a letter and a number, with prizes to be awarded on the basis of the letters and numbers on the playing surface conforming to a predetermined and preannounced configuration of letters and numbers selected at random.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing amendment be referred to the One Hundred Twelfth General Assembly and that this resolution proposing such amendment be published in compliance with Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Senate is directed to deliver copies of this resolution to the Secretary of State.